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Jim's Spot



In this the final club programme of the current season I could not possibly ring down the curtain in this column without passing on my sincerest thanks to you our fans for your backing this term.

I find it unbelievable that at a time when virtually every club's attendances have dropped drastically, we have enjoyed a remarkable upsurge in interest on the terracings.

Therefore, I see no sense at all in attempting to kid anyone amongst you that the season

almost ended has been a successful one. True, there were moments at League Cup and European level, but the fact remains that things have not been the same performance-wise since that enforced winter break.

Sadly the one major thing I have learned this season — all be it too late — is that too few players in the modern game have the in-bred pride and motivation to go out in ALL games and give of their best.

I know full well that I will not upset anyone by admitting that I have not been blameless, especially concerning several team selections lately. However I am adamant that, if as appears possible we are not in Europe next season, only a handful of the regulars like Hegarty, Gough, Stark, Sturrock and Dodds can be excused.

The remainder of the staff, especially the fringe players, must carry the can for the disappointments because of their lack of challenge to the regulars.

Fringe players, as they are known today, can make or break a club's success rate. The economic situation being as it is each club has had to trim to the bare minimum, making it all the more imperative that every single player is vital — all of the time!

Unfortunately that does not seem to apply to younger players nowadays who appear to me anyway to be happy collecting their rewards each payday without even a thought for you, the people who make the pay cheques possible.

Their attitude appears to be ... 'what I don't get today I can get tomorrow'. Well, the message I have for them is ... I want both — NOW!

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TANNADICE DIARY

NOW . . .

... **Monday, April 26:** Boss Jim McLean, defender Dave Narey and striker Paul Sturrock fly over to Belfast with Scotland for the Home Championship clash against Ireland.

... **Wednesday, April 28:** Paul Sturrock appears as a late substitute for the Scots as Jock Stein's men fight out a disappointing 1-1 draw at Windsor Park.

... **Thursday, April 29:** The United manager returns to Tannadice to discover that defender Derek Stark has still not yet attained full fitness. Therefore there is a question mark concerning a possible return in the vital "Europe place" match at Paisley on Saturday.

... **Friday, April 30th:** United's reserve side finish their competitive season on a high-note by beating Cowdenbeath 5-0 in their last league game. A hat-trick by John Clark, a goal by Jimmy Page and an own goal accounted for the Tannadice men's "nap hand". The club announce that Ray McWalter is to be released.

... **Saturday, May 1:** Despite the continued absence of Stark, United just miss out on both points, with St. Mirren having to rely on an injury-time winner for their leveller in a 2-2 draw. An Eamonn Bannon penalty and a Dave Dodds goal counted for the Tangerines.

... **Monday, May 3:** Paul Sturrock impresses all of nearly six hundred journalists and their guests in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow on the occasion of the presentation of the Scottish Football Writers "Player of the Year" Award. Paul is the first United player to receive the accolade, and pays tribute to the remainder of his Tannadice team-mates and backroom staff for making it all possible.

... **Tuesday, May 4:** A virus contacted by club Physio Andy Dickson means his first day off work in the treatment room at Tannadice since joining United. The job of attempting to get Derek Stark fit for tomorrow's game against Aberdeen is shared by the remaining backroom men.



. . . and THEN

... **Wednesday, May 3, 1972:** Forfar Athletic 0 United 2 (Forfarshire Cup semi).

United, preparing for a close-season trip to Nigeria, completed their domestic season by qualifying comfortably for a cup final appearance against city neighbours Dundee the following term. Mind you, it was not until the last half-hour that the Tangerines managed to shrug off the home side's determined challenge. A Jim Cameron shot off the crossbar was the closest United came to counting prior to Forfar failing to count from two simple chances. Therefore it was left to Frank Kopel, playing in a midfield role, to down the home men with two scoring headers late in the game.

Teams: **Forfar Athletic** — Milne, Hopcroft, Sutherland, Kennedy, Martin, R. Buchan, Porter, Stewart, Rice, Young, Finn.

United — McAlpine, Eddie, J. Cameron, W. Smith, D. Smith, Gray, Traynor, Kopel, Knox, K. Cameron, White. *Crowd : 1,100*

... **Saturday, May 5, 1962:** United 3 Montrose 4 (Forfarshire Cup semi).

The Tannadice side's end to the season was given a sharp awakening in this shock formbook turn-up. It was Links Park striker Ian Gardiner who engineered the victory with a hat-trick as United slumped to rock-bottom. Two goals from Denis Gillespie appeared to put United on easy street before Gardiner dealt his first warning with a 38th minute reduction of his side's arrears. He levelled things just after the interval, only to watch Jim Irvine race away to restore the Tannadice lead. However the fat was in the fire when Charlie Dunn powered home a Montrose equaliser with five minutes remaining and Gardiner completed a glory afternoon with the winner in the dying minute.

Teams: **United** — Davie, Gordon, Briggs, Sievwright, D. Smith, Fraser, Pattie, Gillespie, Carlyle, Irvine, Mochan.

Montrose — Grieve, Newton, Ogilvie, Dunn, Plederleith, Gregal, Riddle, Kemp, Gardiner, Sandeman, Meldrum. *Crowd : 2,000*

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Club Snippets.....

Northern date . . . Despite nearing the close of a hectic season for United, boss Jim McLean is taking a side north to play Elgin City on Tuesday in a testimonial match for Fraser Kellas. Strangely enough the occasion will come almost exactly twenty years to the day since our Tannadice club's last visit to Borough Briggs. That was away back on May 13, 1962 when United played the Highland League men in a friendly. And by coincidence the goal hero in United's 3-1 victory that day — is sitting this afternoon on the Celtic bench! Neil Mochan powered home a hat-trick completed in the second half. The United side was: Trialist, Gordon, Briggs, Neilson, D. Smith, Fraser, Boner, Carlyle, Mochan, Howieson, Ormond.



Fortune-teller . . . I wonder if the Celtic programme compiler for our visit to Parkhead last month knew something we didn't? In the information regarding United he described international defender Paul Hegarty as the "United playmaker". Now, we all know Paul's danger at set piece situations have managed to contribute more than his fair share of vital goals over the years. But as far as this season is concerned it wasn't until the midweek game against Aberdeen that the Tannadice skipper managed to score his first domestic goal of the term.

Did you realise? . . . That with both Dundee United and Celtic being Premier League ever-resents, this afternoon marks their 250th Top Ten fixture since reorganisation. And of course Celtic have the opportunity of celebrating the anniversary in style — by clinching the Premier League title again. As far as United are concerned that still vacant UEFA Cup spot for next term should provide their incentive to mark the occasion.

Mascot . . . This afternoon's Tannadice mascot has sufficient football pedigree to merit his appearance. Eight year old Barry Britton, a pupil at Mill of Mains Primary School, is the nephew of well-known Dundonian Ian Britton, who has served Chelsea since leaving our local school football.

Golf outing . . . With the end of the term just seven days away the United playing staff will set the pattern for the summer months ahead when they hold their annual golf outing at the Rosemount Courses, Blairgowrie on Monday first. Defending his "ill gotten" title from the Gleneagles outing last year will be Eamonn Bannon who, on that occasion, just edged home in front of Colin Campbell. The outing has been organised this year by both Eamonn and Dave Dodds and they are grateful for the sponsorship backing received from the following:- The Dundee United FC Directors, Arthur Matthew, (Family Butcher), Melville and Halley Carpets, Sports Shop (Wellgate), Plough Bar, The Glass Bucket, Luggies Bar, and Waves (Hairdresser). Local journalists will be amongst the guests.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	34	23	7	4	76	30	53
Aberdeen	33	20	7	6	60	28	47
Rangers	34	15	11	8	53	41	41
St. Mirren	33	14	9	10	48	42	37
Dundee United	34	13	10	11	56	37	36
Hibs	34	11	12	11	37	39	34
Morton	34	9	10	15	30	53	28
Dundee	34	10	4	20	45	68	24
Partick Thistle	34	6	9	19	33	56	21
Airdrie	34	5	7	22	30	74	17



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VERY MUCH . . . down memory lane

Having discovered the adjacent pictorial record of a past United line-up, we make no apologies whatsoever for printing it in this our final club programme of the 1981/82 season.

In fact, if any fan has a photograph from a bygone United era which they think would be of interest to this club journal, kindly pass it on by letter or personally to the club office.

Our picture depicts the Tannadice line-up for the season 1935/36, a term in which United finished seventh in the Second Division table.

The players involved were:-

Left to right, back row:

*D. Collington
R. Murray
R. Morrison
D. Skelligan
W. Watson
D. Anderson*

Front row:

*D. Hutchison
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